

# **Town of Suffield**



## **Board of Fire Commissioners** **Minutes**

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting  
February 10, 2015

Secretary Gerald Bland brought the meeting to order at the main firehouse at 7:00 p.m. Present: G. Bland, J. Mahoney, P. Christian and Captain M. Thibedeau. Joining the meeting via telephone were Chief Charles Flynn and Chair Phil Barrett.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Secretary's Report**

Christian moved, Mahoney seconded to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Reports**

Christian moved, Mahoney seconded to approve the year to date financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Calls and Activities**

The Commission reviewed the report for January 2015.

### **Old Business**

The Hydrant Ordinance was given to the First Selectman in November. No action to date.

### **New Business**

FEMA-SAFER Grant – This grant is now open for application. Closing date is March 6. Chair Barrett would like to see the Fire Department apply for this grant to increase staffing. If Suffield receives the grant, the first year of the new firefighter's salary and benefits would be covered. After that, the Town would pick up a percentage of the cost

for the following two years. **MOTION: Barrett moved that Suffield Fire Department apply for the SAFER grant to enable us to hire an additional firefighter and save the taxpayers money.** The motion failed 2/2 with Barrett and Bland voting for, and Christian and Mahoney voting against. A brief discussion followed.

#### Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

- Tower 1 is currently off line. Vendor is waiting for parts.
- Thermal Imaging Camera – the department's oldest thermal imaging camera is now off line and may not be repairable. Chief Flynn stated that he is considering replacing this item, but will be waiting until the end of the current budget year to see if there is a budget surplus. The Chief will also speak with the First Selectman to see if this item can be added to the budget request for 15/16.
- Station 3 generator is now on line. The old generator and trailer are no longer needed.

#### Personnel

Chief Flynn will send the updated roster electronically to Commission members.

#### Fire Marshall

There will be a Planning and Zoning meeting tomorrow (February 11). On the agenda are: modifications to the existing Windsor Marketing building on Route 75 and an application for multi-housing units (apartments and condominiums) on East Street. This complex will include affordable housing units.

#### Executive Session

None

#### Adjournment

Mahoney moved, Christian seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Bland  
Secretary